

HAY STOCKS

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Oregon stocks of all hay rose by more than 600 tons in 2009 to 2,200 tons at the beginning of December. This 41 percent increase corresponded to a meager 3 percent nationwide increase. May stocks, however, dipped 5 percent since last year at the national level but increased in Oregon by more than 55 percent, up to 420 tons. A 300 ton increase in Oregon hay production corresponded with a year of relatively low demand, thus spurring a rise in hay stocks. The increase of Idaho hay stocks exceeded Oregon's, rising 72 percent, although stocks in Washington declined 20 percent since May 1, 2009.

**Hay: Stocks on farms for the Pacific Northwest and United States
December 1 and May 1, 2008-2009 crops**

State/area	2008 crop			2009 crop		
	Production	Dec 1, 2008 stocks	May 1, 2009 stocks	Production	Dec 1, 2009 stocks	May 1, 2010 stocks
	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>
Oregon	2,951	1,561	270	3,249	2,200	420
Idaho	5,588	2,012	450	5,528	2,750	775
Washington	2,614	1,182	350	3,297	1,418	280
Pacific Northwest ¹	11,153	4,755	1,070	12,074	6,368	1,475
United States	146,270	103,658	22,065	147,442	107,222	20,913

¹ Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

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